Docket No.: 31174/30000

(PATENT)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Utility Application of:

G. G. Raju

Application No.: 09/463,024

Confirmation No.: 5778

Filed: February 15, 2002

Art Unit: 1615

For: HYDROXYCITRIC ACID

COMPOSITIONS, PHARMACEUTICAL AND DIETARY SUPPLEMENTS AND

FOOD PRODUCTS MADE

THEREFROM, AND METHODS FOR THEIR USE IN REDUCING BODY

WEIGHT

Examiner: H. S. Ahmed

RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Madam:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This paper is presented in response to the Non-final Office Action dated February 19, 2009, and is timely filed with a petition for a three-month extension of time and the requisite fee.

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